

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED TAX MILLAGE INCREASE BY THE FULTON  
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS,** it is the duty and obligation of the Mayor and Council of the City of Johns Creek to represent the will and desire of their citizens and businesses to all parties and

**WHEREAS,** the citizens and businesses of Johns Creek have repeatedly voiced support for a provision of governance that exercises fiscal restraint, presents balanced budgets and lives within its means; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council understand the ongoing financial challenges and struggles of unemployment and underemployment that face many of our hard-working citizens, due to no fault of their own and have therefore made appropriate cuts and set policy so as to avoid any millage rate increase for seven consecutive budgets cycles; and

**WHEREAS,** the citizens and businesses of Johns Creek have the right to expect the same financial discipline at all levels of government and have vigorously voiced opposition to any millage rate increase on the part of County government; and

**WHEREAS,** while the national economy continues to improve and the City sees no benefit in any government entity increasing the tax burden on individuals and businesses, such increase hampering economic activity and recovery; and

**WHEREAS,** On May 6, 2013 Governor Nathan Deal signed HB 604 prohibiting Fulton County from adjusting the millage rate for a period of two years and any adjustment would increase the risk of court action; and

**WHEREAS,** the Fulton County taxpayers, including those in Johns Creek, would bear the financial burden of any court action taken by the State or the County with regard to any vote taken by the Board of Commissioners resulting in an increased millage rate; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council recognize and applaud Fulton County's recent demonstration of fiscal restraint by enacting budget cuts and encourages the County to continue to seek cost reductions and increasingly efficient service delivery strategies in lieu of increasing taxpayer burden;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Johns Creek while in Regular Session on June 16, 2014

*To encourage and respectfully request the Commissioners of Fulton County to vote no for any property tax millage rate increase.*

This Resolution to be effective upon adoption.

Approved:

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Michael E. Bodker, Mayor

Attest:

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Joan C. Jones, City Clerk

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